



Matt Stairs

Matt Stairs could flat-out hit! His MLB career spanned an amazing 19 seasons, the most ever by a Canadian-born position player. During that time, he played for 13 different MLB teams and set an MLB record for most career pinch-hit home runs with 23.

Certainly, it was Matt's bat that was coveted by so many teams. He hit 265 career home runs, second most of any Canadian-born player. He is also second among Canadian players in games and bases on ball and third in RBI and doubles. But don't get lost in his standing among Canadian born players; he was a leader regardless of whatever country he was native to.

A fact that surprises most people who think of Matt as a professional hitter is that in his MLB career, he played every position except pitcher, catcher and shortstop although he was a shortstop during part of his minor league career.

During his career which spanned from 1992 to 2011, Matt played for the Expos, Red Sox, A's, Cubs, Brewers, Pirates, Royals, Rangers, Tigers, Blue Jays, Phillies, Padres and Nationals.

Stairs was inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame and the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame.

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